

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Preserve Hours: Dawn till Dusk

- Follow Posted Signage at All Times
- Dogs Must Be on a Leash at All Times
- Pack Out All Trash and Dog Waste
- Stay On Marked Trails
- The Following Are Prohibited:
 - Hunting
 - Excessive Noise
 - Alcohol and Glass Containers
 - Camping and Fires
 - Collecting of Plants, Animals or Artifacts
 - Overnight Parking
 - Mountain Bikes
 - All-Terrain Vehicles
 - Horseback Riding

**IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY
CALL 911**

Muckshaw Ponds is a 201-acre preserve containing three large, interconnected sinkhole ponds and their associated wetlands. The limestone bedrock that underlies the ponds and the surrounding ridges has dissolved slowly over millions of years, making the groundwater mineral-rich and the soil highly alkaline. This unique process forms cavities in the limestone, resulting in sunken streams, caves and sinkholes. The unusual geology of the area hosts a number of plant species that are rare in New Jersey, and the preserve protects one of the best remaining spots for these plant communities.

Migratory waterfowl use the preserve's abundant water and wetlands, and great blue herons and beavers are a common sight from the water's edge. Threatened and endangered species such as barred owls, red-shouldered hawks, red-headed woodpeckers, bobcats, and long-tailed salamanders also use this unique habitat.



**ADDRESS FOR PARKING AREA:
Fredon-Springdale Rd, Newton NJ 07860***

**parking area of Whittingham Wildlife Management Area,
across the street from preserve trailhead*

**GPS COORDINATES:
41.0218, -74.7877**



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ABOUT US

Ridge and Valley Conservancy (RVC) is a private, non-profit land trust that preserves natural lands in northwestern New Jersey. We strive to practice sound ecological management of the lands we've protected, safeguarding sensitive habitats and the native species that inhabit them. Many RVC preserves have hiking trails, and we offer nature education, guided hikes, and other special events for the community and for schools. Learn more about us at ridgeandvalleyconservancy.org.

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MUCKSHAW PONDS PRESERVE

TRAIL MAP



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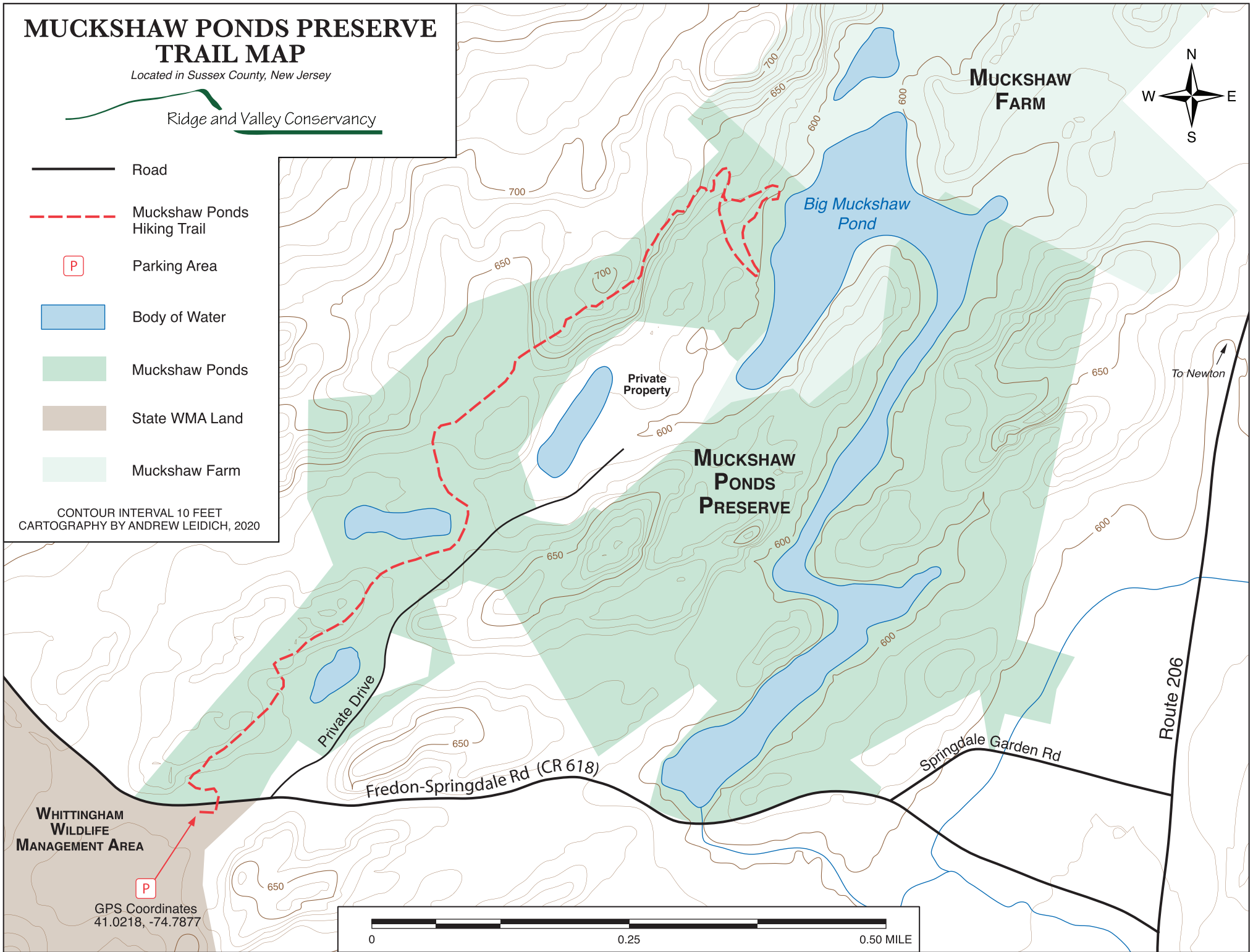
MUCKSHAW PONDS PRESERVE TRAIL MAP

Located in Sussex County, New Jersey



- Road
- Muckshaw Ponds Hiking Trail
- Parking Area
- Body of Water
- Muckshaw Ponds
- State WMA Land
- Muckshaw Farm

CONTOUR INTERVAL 10 FEET
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